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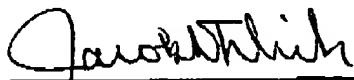
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Serial No: 09/702,407 Art Unit: 2172
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COLLECTING AND EXPRESSING
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REPLY (B) TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

This reply is being provided as a follow-up to telephone interviews between Applicants' attorney, Jacob N. Erlich, and Examiner Fleurantin and Examiner Alam on January 29, 2003, regarding the Final Office Action dated October 1, 2003, for the above-captioned U.S. patent application. It is respectfully requested that the following remarks be considered and entered in this application since they place this Application in condition for allowance or, in the alternative, in better form for appeal.

A petition for a one-month extension to respond to the Office Action is submitted herewith, and authorization is hereby given to charge our deposit account to cover the associated

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fee of \$55.00. No additional fees are believed necessary for submission and consideration of this response. In the event that additional extensions of time are necessary, such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required for consideration of this paper (including fees for any future claims added) are authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 03-2410, Order No. 10845-131.

Claims 1-24 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-9 and 11-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dunworth¹. Claim 10 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dunworth in view of Willis².

Remarks begin on Page 3 of this paper. In the Remarks, Applicants respectfully indicate the patentability of the presently claimed invention, as discussed with Primary Examiner Alam in the telephone interview.

¹ U.S. Patent No. 5,930,474, issued July 27, 1999, to Dunworth, *et al* , submitted by the Applicants

² U.S. Patent No. 6,202,065, issued March 13, 2001, to Willis, Kenneth, continuation of 5,893,093, submitted by the Applicants